

Boulevard CID launches Fulton Industrial streetscape project

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WEST ATLANTA, GA.-The medians and exit ramps at Fulton Industrial Boulevard and I-20 will receive a fresh look in time for the spring season.

Envisioned, planned and designed by the Fulton Industrial Boulevard Community Improvement District, the project is funded through district and transportation special purpose local option sales tax funds.

The project will cost \$1.5 million and will beautify the corridor between Frederick Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

“The landscaping project along Fulton Industrial Boulevard is especially important because the I-20 interchange acts as the front door to the FIB corridor,” Boulevard CID Executive Director Gil Prado said. “As Atlanta continues to be positioned as a leader in the industrial development, the Fulton Industrial CID is committed to restoring the area’s industrial economic preeminence and identity as a key player in providing industrial land and economic growth and revenue for large corporations.”

The current landscaping was a partnership from the late 1990’s with Georgia Department of Transportation and the now-defunct Fulton Industrial Business Association. The CID always had visions of improving the streetscape and beautification along the corridor.

In 2013, the CID took on the responsibility of cleaning up an abandoned cemetery near Great Southwest

Parkway. The art sculpture along Great Southwest was restored. The entity also engaged in litter pickup and grass cutting along Fulton Industrial to make sure it was letting the public at large know, the corridor was open for business.

The district began design on the project in January 2016.

It was one of the first projects on the list to receive sales tax funds, approved by Fulton County voters in November of that year.

TSPLOST earmarked \$1 million for the project; the district is providing \$500,000.

The project scope includes landscaping along Fulton Industrial, streetlights, new gateway signage, upgraded crosswalks and sidewalks and an art pad for future art installations.

The project is part of the ongoing implementation of the district's master plan, created in 2013 to promote economic development and revitalization.

The work is slated for completion in March 2018.